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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE LEGAL: MOON TREATY WORKING GROUP APRIL 13-14

1. BY DINT OF CONSIDERABLE BRACKETING AND RECORDING OF RESERVATIONS, WORKING GROUP COMPLETED FIRST READING OF ARTICLES III-VII FRIDAY AFTERNOON. SOVIETS CONTINUED TO REJECT ALL ADVANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS US-SUGGESTED PROVISION IN ARTICLE VI (CB STATIONS) FOR PERIODIC REPORT TO SYG AS TO HOW STATION CONTINUES IN USE. OTHER PROBLEMS CENTERED ON TERRITORIAL APPROPRIATION IMPLICATIONS SEEN BY SOME IN ARTICLE VI(1); RECIPROCITY QUALIFICATION IN OPEN ACCESS PROVISION IN US ARTICLE III(8); "CIRCUMLUNAR SPACE" IN SOVIET TEXT; AND CONSULTATION PROVISIONS GENERALLY. ON LAST POINT BELGIUM, FRANCE, ITALY AND UK SUBMITTED FOR LATER CONSIDERATION DRAFT OMNIBUS CONSULTATION ARTICLE.

2. WORKING GROUP REACHED ARTICLE VIII (RESOURCES) LATE FRIDAY P.M. WE EXPLAINED OUR MODIFICATION OF SOVIET TEXT EMPHASIZING NEED TO SPECIFY RIGHT TO UTILIZE CB RESOURCES FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES ON EARTH OR IN SITU. INDIA AND EGYPT TABLED NEW PROPOSAL READING BEGIN QTE (1) THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES AND THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL BE THE COMMON HERITAGE OF ALL MANKIND. (2) THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES AND THEIR NATURAL RESOURCDS SHALL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE INTEREST OF MANKIND AS A WHOLE AND THE BENEFITS ARISING THEREFROM SHALL BE MADE AVAIL-

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ABLE TO ALL PEOPLE WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION OF ANY KIND. (3) IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH BENEFITS ACCOUNT SHALL BE TAKEN OF THE NEED TO PROMOTE THE ATTAINMENT OF HIGHER STANDARDS OF LIVING AND CONDITIONS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 55 (A) OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IN THE INTERESTS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. UNQTE.

4. ITALY MOVED POSTPONE DISCUSSION OF RESOURCES ARTICLE ON GROUNDS COMPLEXITY OF SUBJECT, NEED TO EXPLORE IN DEPTH, AND LATENESS OF HOUR. MOTION APPROVED AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL SOVIET EFFORT PUT ASIDE ARTICLE VIII AND MOVE ON TO "EASY" ARTICLE IX (OWNERSHIP OF VEHICLES, EMERGENCY USE). EGYPT OPPOSED. MONDAY SESSION WILL TAKE UP EQUAL PRIORITY REGISTRATION AGENDA ITEM. TIMING OF RESUMED TOM DISCUSSION LEFT OPEN.

5. IN BRIEF INTERPELLATION FRIDAY JAPAN STATED IT STILL UNSATISFIED ON NEED FOR INTENSIVE TOM EFFORT IN THIS OSLS SESSION, BUT ADDED THAT IF NEW TREATY WERE TO EXPAND ON OST IT SHOULD BE CONFINED TO MOON, ABOUT WHICH MUCH MORE KNOWN THAN OTHER CBS.

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